



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006 AKOAKOA HALE WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Niko Koga, John Sabas, Felipe San Nicholas, Roy Yanagihara, Paul Friel, Elizabeth Gaisthia, L.C. Morris, Glenn Ida, Larry Zdvoracek, Bill Sager.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Karasaki, Clyde Morita, John Flanigan, and Wendell Lum.

GUESTS: Tammy and Rico Rodrigues (HCDCH-HAPI), Pete Cooper (He Mea Waiuai Loa, LCC), Liane Ashikawa (Congressman Ed Case's Office), Lester Chang (Mayor's Office), Sarah Fry (MCBH), Battalion Chief James K. Skellington (Honolulu Fire Department, Kaneohe Station), Lt. Finn (Honolulu Police Department, Kaneohe Station), Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office), and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ELECTION OF CHAIR (2006-2007) – Morris nominated Roy Yanagihara for chair. There were no other nominations. By acclamation Roy Yanagihara was elected chair for 2006-2007.

The gavel was relinquished to Chair Yanagihara.

ELECTION OF OTHER BOARD OFFICERS (2006-2007):

- ❖ **Vice Chair – Zdvoracek nominated Paul Friel, Sager moved and seconded by Zdvoracek that nominations be closed. There were no objections. By unanimous vote Paul Friel was elected 2006-2007 Vice Chair.**
- ❖ **Secretary – Friel nominated Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka. Zdvoracek moved and seconded by Ida that nominations be closed. There were no objections. By unanimous vote Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka was elected 2006-2007 Secretary.**
- ❖ **Treasurer – Ida nominated Elizabeth Gaisthia Sager moved and seconded by Ida that nominations be closed. There were no objections. By unanimous vote Elizabeth Gaisthia was elected 2006-2007 Treasurer.**

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Subdistricts 1 and 11 – There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancies.

APPROVAL of MAY 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The following corrections/additions were made:

- Page 1, under Members Present, add, "...**Bill Sager**..."



Zdvoracek moved and seconded by Yamashiro-Hironaka to accept the May 2006 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0-0.

APPROVAL of MAY 2006 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES:
Deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gaisthia reported the following:

- April 2006 - Current expenditures in the Operating Account was \$32.40 leaving a balance to-date of \$1,211.95; having no expenditures the Publicity Account remains at \$2.367.00; and the Refreshment Account remains at \$120.00
- May 2006 – Current expenditures in Operating Account were \$94.64 leaving a balance to-date of \$1,117.31; no expenditures in the Publicity Account leaving the balance at \$2.367.00; the Refreshment Account remains at \$120.00.

Zdvoracek moved and seconded by Yamahiro-Hironaka to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously. The report will be filed subject to audit.

Per Chair Yanagihara, Yamashiro-Hironaka will submit receipts of refreshments provided at the Board meetings to the Neighborhood Assistant.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Police Department – Lt. Finn distributed the newly formatted monthly statistics report and was available for questions.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Chair Yanagihara asked if crime comparisons as previously provided would be available. Follow up will be done.
- 2) Chair Yanagihara commented the new statistics format make it difficult to tell a felony from a misdemeanor. Lt. Finn replied burglary and robbery are felonies. The statistics indicates the number of calls for service. Chair Yanagihara noted the detailed information is good.

Lt. Finn was thanked for attending the meeting.

Honolulu Fire Department – No representative was present at this time.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Sarah Fry gave the following report:

- 1) MCAF Aircraft Activity – 1) Biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2006 Exercises – June 23 to July 27, 2006. Twenty-four hour operation from July 5-27, 2006. The MCTAB beach at Bellows will be closed from July 21-26, 2006.
- 2) Bayfest 2006 – June 30 to July 6, 2006.
- 3) Castle High School MCJROTC Leadership Academy, July 15-23, 2006.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Follow will be done as to who the headliner for the Bayfest would be.
- 2) Relative to civilians and heightened security for the Bayfest, a controlled access route to the parking area, which is the tarmac area of the airfield, will be provided.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Plans to Construct a Home on Conservation Land – Kailua resident Peter Cooper distributed copies of his plans to build a house and barn on a portion of his property zoned as conservation land.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) A meeting was held with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) who advised him to address the Board. Relative to the plans, DLNR will be sending a letter to the surrounding neighbors and the public relative to a public hearing.
- 2) The property is located at 45-234 A Kokokahi Place (top of Kokokahi Place).
- 3) Sager commented his understanding is that only one building is allowed per lot in a conservation zoning. Cooper offered a site visit to Sager.
- 4) Chair Yanagihara commented that a few years ago owners came seeking support regarding the property that was partially zoned residential. The Board approved to support to down zone the parcel to conservation.
- 5) Cooper said that the parcel consists of 56 acres, and he agrees it should be kept conservation.
- 6) For further information contact Cooper at 479-5357.

Without objections the agenda was taken out of order to Honolulu Fire Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Battalion chief James Skellington reported statistics for the month of May included fires – 3 structure and 3 vehicle; emergencies – 120 medical, 1 search/rescue, and 23 miscellaneous responses.

Fire Safety Tip: Brush fire season is here, so remember to maintain a 30-foot wide clearing in between any structure and vegetation. Recent rains may have overgrown vegetation in some breaks.

With Independence Day around the corner, consider leaving fireworks to the professionals and enjoy one of the many fireworks displays around town. If you use fireworks, follow all warnings and instructions. Young children should never be given fireworks. Older children should only use

fireworks under the direct supervision of an adult. Have a happy and safe Independence Day celebration!

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Chair Yanagihara asked what are the new arson law changes/additions. Also, how have the new changes affected the way HFD conducts business. Battalion Chief Skellington replied if there were changes to procedures he was not informed. He will follow up as to what changes have been implemented, and email the response to the Chair. Email the Chair at roy.s.yanagihara@hawaii.gov.
- 2) Battalion Chief Skellington mentioned he has asked his company commanders to identify any abandoned houses or business in the area. He is taking it upon himself for the community to keep a list of such structures because they are at a higher percent of fires. These buildings are unattractive nuisances. He asked any person who knows of these types of structures to email him at jimskellington@honolulu.gov.

Battalion Chief James Skellington was thanked for attending the meeting.

The order of the agenda resumed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no community announcements.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT:

Mayor's Representative – Lester Chang, Director Department of Parks and Recreation, reported the following:

- 1) Copies of the Mayor's monthly Honolulu News were distributed and the following was highlighted:
 - Mayor Hannemann hosted the 57th Memorial Day Services were held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.
 - Work begins on the Waikiki Beachwalk Wastewater emergency bypass – The City is replacing the ruptured force main with a temporary one until the permanent line is completed. Plans were in place to replace the aging force main prior to the rupture in March.
 - Kualoa Regional Park has reopened by the State Department of Health since closing in December due to high bacteria counts. The park's wastewater system was suspected for the high bacteria counts. Daily cesspool pumping at the park is limited to the comfort stations
 - Everyone is invited to attend the Mayor's Chinatown Summit scheduled for June 22 at the Hawai'i Theatre.
 - The Mayor congratulated eight high school senior girls for winning the Champs 13th annual Basketball Jamboree sponsored by him.

- 2) In response to a concern about U-turns at the corner of Makalani Street and Ihilani Street, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) traffic calming program is currently suspended, and they will not be installing measures such as round-a-bout or speed humps. DTS will submit a work order to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) for the speed limit signs and for restriping the faded pavement markings along both streets. The illegal U-turn and speeding concerns have been referred to HPD for action. Lt. Finn said HPD is aware of the problem and is monitoring the area. He added that citations have been issued.
- 3) Capital Improvement Project Budget FY 2007 for the Kaneohe area:
 - Kulana Nani Apartment Renovations - design and construct renovation improvements and provide related construction inspection, equipment and relocation assistance, \$1,417,000.
 - Kawa Stream and Ditch Improvements – Design of concrete-lined stream from Kaneohe Bay Drive to parkway and lined ditch from Kawa Stream to Mokulele Drive \$250,000.
 - Kaneohe Stream Bank Restoration Near Keole Place – Design draining improvements \$100,000.
 - Kamehameha Highway Bridge over Heeia Stream Rehabilitation – Plan and design bridge rehabilitation \$360,000.
 - Duncan Drive – Puahuula Place Relief Drain Project – Complete construction phase of Puahuula Place-Duncan Drive relief drain project \$300,000.
 - Environmental Services – Sewage collection and disposal.
 - Alii Shores Sewer Rehabilitation – Construct the sewer rehabilitation \$2,700,000.
 - Kailua/Kaneohe Sewer Rehabilitation – Design, construct and inspect the sewer rehabilitation \$7,701,000.
 - Kaneohe Bay Drive Trunk Sewer Reconstruction – Design and reconstruct the trunk sewer \$4,101,000.
 - Kaneohe Bay South Wastewater Pump Station No. 1 Improvements – Construction pump station improvements \$1,000,000.
 - Kaneohe Wastewater Pretreatment Facility Improvements and Equalization Facility – Plan and design Pre-Treatment improvements and Equalization Facility \$701,000.
 - Sewer Relief Project at Amelia Street – Construct sewer relief improvements \$680,000.
 - Recreation District No. 4 Improvements – Design, construction and provide construction inspection for improvements at existing staffed park facilities, such as Kaneohe District Park and Kailua District Park \$1,125,000.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Chair Yanagihara asked what park improvements are being planned. To his understanding the Kaneohe District Park building has problems with its roof. Chang responded the Kaneohe District Park roof has been an issue for four years. The contractor defaulted and then the bond contractor defaulted. The issue has been going back and forth through litigation. He thinks the issue will be soon resolved. Chang's department has been allocated \$1 million for park repairs for parks from Makapu'u to Waialua. Any identification study has been done and repairs needed put in to categories and prioritized. Repairs previously deferred have now become major repairs.

- 2) In response to San Nicholas relative to a website for beaches and public access, it was suggested to log on to the Department of Health's (DOH) website. Regarding Kualoa District Park, the DOH thought it was a City problem because of the comfort stations. Policy of the Mayor is any spill, small or not, is to notify the public and postings put up at the site.
- 3) Relative to the department budget for maintenance and security, Sabas asked if money was allocated for the Haiku Stairs and when would it be removed. Chang replied he asked for approximately \$86,000 but received only \$43,000 was approved. If no decision were made within six months supplemental funding would have to be found. Money was approved for daytime security at the site.

Chang said at a recent meeting heavy discussion took place relative to the issue. The State was asked if the Haiku Stairs were a trail. The State has no interest in the stairs. He stated this Administration would not operate the area as a city park. It is unsure if the Haiku Stairs would be closed. Once made public it becomes the definition changes as who can or cannot utilize it. Sabas offered to gather the area neighbors for a joint discussion. Sabas stated the stairs should be removed.

Regarding security there during the daytime hours, Morris asked if people are still climbing the stairs. Sabas replied there are only two security guards on duty, and people use other entry points, such as trespassing on private property, to access the stairs. The issue of trespassing on private property is liability.

Lester Chang was thanked for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba distributed Councilmember Marshall's written report and was available for questions.

Questions, answers and comments: Sabas asked the status of the proposed Kamehameha Pre-school application in the Haiku area. Acoba replied no response has been received.

Venus Acoba was thanked for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative – Katherine Thomason was unable to attend tonight's meeting. However, the Governor's Weekly Update, and several handouts were distributed to Board members.

U.S. Congressman Ed Case – Liane Ashikawa distributed the U.S. Congressman's monthly written report and highlighted/added the following:

The Congressman's next statewide public access television report and podcast will feature a frank interview by Case with the U.S. Comptroller General David Walker, head of the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The next Talk Story community meeting for the Kaneohe/Kahalu'u/Waiahole area is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, 2006, Benjamin Parker Elementary School (45-259 Waikalua Road) from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Liane Ashikawa was thanked for attending the meeting.

Senator Bob Hogue – No representative was present.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative was present.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

Representative Pono Chong – No representative was present.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hawaii Pacific University – No representative was present.

Hope Chapel – No representative was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Morris moved and seconded by Zdvoracek that the committee chairs continue as chairs for the 2006-2007 term. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

West Nile Virus – Sager announced that the Department of Health (DOH) is asking anyone who finds a dead bird to pick it up with a Ziploc bag, seal it and drop it off at the office so the carcass can be analyzed for this virus. The DOH hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and 1-5 p.m. on weekends.

Sager mentioned the West Nile virus is now occurring in the lower 48 states. DOH is not sure if the virus could be controlled once here in the islands. He noted the insect population must be controlled.

Crosswalk fronting Star Market on Kamehameha Highway – Chair Yanagihara mentioned to Board member Ida that he noticed the crosswalk was removed, and asked if the bus stop would be moved. Ida responded he spoke with James Burke from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) today who informed him they are in the process of moving the bus stop towards Zippy's. DTS is coordinating with the State relative to the moving of the bus stop. Ida said signs should be posted. Follow up will be done.

The Chair requested to Acoba if she could possibly contact DTS for signage informing pedestrians that the crosswalk is closed.

A comment was made that the State posted signage on Kahuhipa Street because of kids running across the street.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by Nola J Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by Chair Roy Yanagihara